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In Re application of) Group Art Unit: 3721
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Application No. 10/586,126) Christopher R. Harmon
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For: FOLDING APPLICANCES)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement which was mailed to the undersigned on November 16, 2007 in the subject U.S. patent application, applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute in this application, the invention or group of inventions identified by the Examiner as Group I; i.e. claims 26, 28-45 and 47. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the asserted inventions or groups of inventions not selected for prosecution in this application.

This restriction is made with traverse. It is not understood how claim 26 can be in two separate groups, and how claim 46 is directed to a separate inventive concept. Claim 26 is recited, as part of Group I, as being directed to a folding apparatus. Claim 26 is recited, in Group III, as being directed to a folding apparatus with a first folding blade cylinder. The language of claim 26 obviously is the same in both of Groups I and III. It is thus believed that claim 26 belongs in Group I, not in Group III.

Claim 26 recites a folding apparatus comprising a first cylinder and a second cooperating cylinder, embodied as a folding jaw cylinder. Claim 29 which is part of Group I,